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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 381**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Galgiani**

February 15, 2007

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An act to amend Section 14045 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 381, as amended, Galgiani. Medi-Cal: provider reimbursement.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care benefits.

Existing law, subject to certain exceptions, prohibits a provider under the Medi-Cal program from submitting a reimbursement request to the Medi-Cal program that contains a beneficiary’s social security number in order to receive payment if the department has issued that beneficiary a Medi-Cal beneficiary identification card containing a beneficiary number that includes the issuance date.

This bill would also apply this provision to the submission of a request by a provider for beneficiary eligibility.

*Existing law provides that the above prohibition does not apply to a licensed hospital, long-term health care facility, a primary care clinic, or emergency medical transportation services.*

*This bill would, in addition, exempt from this prohibition a hospital-based physician.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 14045 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

14045. (a) A provider shall not submit a reimbursement or beneficiary eligibility request to the Medi-Cal program containing a beneficiary's social security number in order to receive payment if the department has issued that beneficiary a Medi-Cal beneficiary identification card containing a beneficiary number with the issuance date included in that number.

(b) This section shall not apply to services provided by the following provider types or to the following types of services:

(1) A hospital licensed pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1250) of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code.

(2) A long-term health care facility, as defined in Section 1418 of the Health and Safety Code.

(3) A primary care clinic that is licensed pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1204 of the Health and Safety Code.

(4) Emergency medical transportation services.

(5) *A hospital-based physician.*